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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Demand into retail and food service was disappointing to fair, instances moderate for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample and attractively priced to help clear. In the parts structure, movement increased slightly to cover some weekend needs; otherwise, trading was slow to fair. Availability of all items was at least adequate and heavily discounted to increase limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 8/30/04-09/03/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	62.00-65.00	62.00-79.500	66.53	30
Los Angeles	85.00			
New York	65.00-68.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	75.00-79.00	58.00-82.00	78.87	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 79.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
1,002	75.00-81.50	79.21

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	242.50	1,413
BREASTS - B/S	204.50	5,500
BREASTS - WHOLE	117.00	1,513
THIGH MEAT - B/S	99.00	1,048
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,519
WINGS	112.50	2,954

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area moved 4 cents lower from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully sufficient for the very light trade interest. Retail and food service was discouraging; light to moderate at best, instances fairly good into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were preferable to heavier than desired. Parts trade activity was sparse on fully available product offerings. The market tone was steady on leg quarters, cautiously steady on wings and barely steady to weak on breast cuts and dark meat.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample, and easily satisfied trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light; supplies of all items were at least adequate and frequently discounted to clear additional offerings. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Trading reported for next weeks' delivery at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings ample overall to cover trade needs. Buying activity was fair. Sharp discounts noted particularly on heavy weight product. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover features particularly on parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was generally steady on leg quarters and wings, barely steady to weak on breasts.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – boneless breast 399, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 899 and 3# IQF 798-1197, boneless thigh meat 299, boneless breast tenders 249-399, split breast 199-249, leg quarters 79 and 10# bagged 390, wings 5# IQF 799-899, drumstick 99-159, chicken breast kabob 399; **Colorado** – whole body 75-100, whole cut-up 100, cornish hen 22 ounces 300, boneless breast tenders 399, boneless breast tenders 3# IQF 798, boneless breast seasoned all natural 599, boneless breast 3# 796, boneless thigh meat 199-299, leg quarter 89-100, drumstick 100, thigh 100, split breast 100- 199,

(deli food service – fried 8 piece mixed 599, rotisserie 649 each);

Northern California – roaster free range 189, whole body organic 289, whole body 79, whole cut-up 109-169, boneless thigh free range 299, boneless breast and boneless thigh meat 199, boneless breast 499, split breast 199, thigh 99, drumstick 99, whole leg 129;

Southern California – whole body 67-99, whole cut-up 119-169, cornish hen 97, boneless breast 179-269, boneless breast marinated 237-599, boneless breast 3# IQF 747 and 4# IQF 756, boneless breast thigh meat 178, boneless leg meat 89-99, boneless leg meat marinated 148, split breast 139- 149, leg quarters 79-88, leg quarter seasoned 89, thigh 79-99 and 4# bagged 250- 300, drumstick 59-99 and 4# bagged 250-300, best of the fryer 199,

(deli food service – fried 15 piece drumstick and thigh 499, rotisserie 478-499 each, hot wing 398 per pound).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend but still was noted as no better than fair. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available and competitively priced. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow in clearing. Other items ranged adequate to ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased some entering the weekend, but generally remained insufficient in bringing decent balance to readily available seller offerings. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 67 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was weak. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample and often available at highly attractive prices to stimulate buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	71.18
NO. OF BOXES	7,005
CUMULATIVE	08/23/04-08/27/04 72.50
	08/25/03-08/29/03 60.93
NO. OF BOXES	08/23/04-08/27/04 36,310
	08/25/03-08/29/03 41,803

7 of 7 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	682	140.00-220.00	-	151.09		652	148.00-220.00	150-155	154.56		3,278	154.28
TENDERLOINS	173	180.00-245.00	185-190	194.25		210	189.00-245.00	190-195	194.18		911	193.62
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	110.00-124.00	112-115	114.20		91	107.00-124.00	110-112	112.22		448	114.04
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					415	73.35
LEGS	93	30.00-53.00	33-35	36.44		176	30.00-52.00	34-36	34.31		543	35.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.41		509	24.00-30.00	26-27	26.54		2,549	26.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,213	25.00-32.00	27-28	28.18		1,020	26.00-32.00	27.5-29	28.41		5,682	28.33
WINGS (WHOLE)	247	91.00-110.00	92-94	93.70		271	92.00-110.00	92-95	95.89		1,428	96.21
WINGS (CUT)	450	110.00-119.00	114-119	115.64		474	110.00-119.00	112-119	115.16		2,354	115.40
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					109	48.66
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					170	47.45
B/S THIGHS	102	56.00-120.00	-	72.55		TOO FEW TO REPORT					432	79.66

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR AUG 26, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.50 - 53.00	48.84	43.50 - 51.00	46.27	49.47

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but generally noted as no better than fair as dealers kept floor stocks balanced with immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were readily available and competitively priced to clear. Dark meat items were adequate to available. Wings were at least adequate, but clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

AUG 27

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	165	172.07	648,856		160-165	168.59	695,359	171.74	3,328,676
TENDERLOINS	200	190.05	84,560		195-200	184.85	151,600	189.71	590,010
BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	104.92	150,680		95-96	104.11	155,640	106.86	650,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	99.53	151,760		95	99.81	261,400	101.1	793,360
LEGS	48-49	39.12	372,724		48-49	44.11	292,761	39.9	1,629,690
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.44	407,356		31-32	32.53	409,226	32.42	1,829,963
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	39.72	130,730		31-32	37.14	182,400	37.62	692,230
THIGHS	25-26	38.81	112,770		25-26	37.96	100,480	37.25	474,950
B/S THIGHS	80-81	76.48	98,080		80-81	77	77,160	77.22	390,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	109.98	122,440		100-101	104.73	207,280	106.79	764,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	32,640		10-12	11.98	25,440	11.93	151,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.16	13,840		30-35	25.76	16,840	25.45	75,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.21	20,200		55-60	59.74	27,120	58.7	117,720

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,646	4,034	3,981	4,025	5.26	5.30	5,224	5.28		
Arkansas	5,969	5,458	5,383	5,369	5.12	5.14	5,310	5.11		
Delmarva	2,237	2,337	2,263	2,247	5.58	5.58	2,251	5.59		
KY-LA-TN	2,132	2,143	1,967	2,142	5.11	5.05	2,056	5.17		
Mississippi	4,016	3,111	3,065	2,976	5.45	5.49	3,581	5.53		
North Carolina	3,208	2,519	2,486	2,475	6.46	6.40	2,932	6.65		
Texas	2,466	2,477	2,538	2,529	5.18	5.23	2,501	5.25		
Total	24,674	22,079	21,683	21,763	5.40	5.41	23,855	5.42		
Mon-Fri	112,917(A)						111,180(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Aug-04 and 28-Aug-04 is estimated to be 36,915,000 head up 3.12 percent from a week ago and up 2.88 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,797,000, last year 35,883,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 28-Aug-04 is estimated to be 163,542,000 head down 0.16 percent from a week ago, and up 0.89 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 163,809,000, last year 162,103,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	78-83
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	116
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	107-109
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-109
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	93
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS	170-185

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 14-Aug-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	27,230	22,088	45,096
Avg Weight	3.77	4.71	6.27
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%

Comparisons

Last week	24,725	21,139	50,540
Avg Weight	3.72	4.70	6.29
% of total /1	26%	22%	52%

Same week, yr ago /2	21,598	26,338	44,638
Avg Weight	3.76	4.71	6.26
% of total /1	23%	28%	48%

To date/2004	847,506	700,244	1,439,000
To date/2003	779,334	751,000	1,467,235

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 21-Aug-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	163,809	1,657	1,298	2,955	506
Head	5.18	3.20	8.41	5.49	6.73
Avg Wt	161,051	1,445	1,498	2,943	477
Last week	160,560	1,256	1,538	2,794	392
Same wk yr ago	5.19	3.53	7.97	5.97	6.56
Avg Wt	5,146,848	44,931	43,552	88,483	15,397
To-date/2004	5,082,767	50,765	45,971	96,736	13,746
To-date/2003					

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.8 million head, or 0.3 million more than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - AUGUST 24, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Pekin Ducks	.16 - .18	Silkie	1.00 - 1.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .50	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .70	White Pigeons	3.90 - 4.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.80 - .85
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - .90
4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20	Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	.75 - 2.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - 1.00	Kid Goats	34.00 - 36.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00ea.	Doves	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.50 - .75ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80

Total Coops Sold 450

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 23-AUGUST-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	79.00-85.00	82.00-85.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-85.00	68.00-71.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Schedules were full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, live-ers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 23-AUGUST-2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	17 163.0	165.2	99%	5.13
	24 163.2	167.1	98%	5.15
	31 163.7	166.4	98%	5.26
August	7 161.5	164.8	98%	5.32
	14 163.0	165.1	99%	5.18
	21 165.8	165.5	100%	5.18
Year to date	5209.4	5306.9	98%	
August	28	165.0		
September	4	163.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/28/04	08/21/04	% CHG	08/30/03	% CHG
Broilers	163,542	163,809*	-0.16	162,103*	+0.89
Cattle	623	636	-02	735*	-15
Hogs	1,996	2,025	-01	1,918*	+04

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for lights; fair to instances good for heavy canners with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were clearing easily and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

26-33 MAJORITY 27-28.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

27-34 MAJORITY 30-32

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

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LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings of spent hens generally adequate to fully adequate for current needs trade needs. Processing schedules were at least normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

5-12

8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate supplies of light fowl. Schedules were matched with a slow call for dressed product. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings in close balance with the fairly good demand. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

4.5-10

4.5-7

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-AUG-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT

TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Values were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

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